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## END TO AUTO STRIFE.

The Two Rival Organizations May Effect Consolidation.

Boston, April 7.—The individual members of the American Automobile Association and the American Motor League, within the next few days, are expected to vote upon the advisability of merging the two organizations into an association to be known as the American Motor League. There is every reason to believe that the question will be decided in the affirmative and that within the next few weeks there will be but one national automobile association in this country and the strife which has existed between the two since their formation will be brought to a close, with profit to the association and benefit to the advancement of the cause of automobilism in this country. There never was occasion for two such organizations, and the move now about to be made will meet with the hearty approval of every one who has the interest of automobilism at heart. At the recent meeting of the A. A. A. the governing body of the American Automobile Association, as a result of the report of the joint committee appointed to consider the matter, the plan of merger as approved by the governing bodies of both organizations to the clubs is, in brief, this: The name of the united body will be the American Motor League. The office of the league will be at New York. The league will have a president, a first vice president, a second vice president, a third vice president, a fourth vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, and a general manager. The control of the combined organization will be vested in a governing body composed of 19 members from each body.

The racing department of the A. A. A. shall be in no manner affected by the merger, but the racing committee of the A. A. A. will be abolished. The other committees of both bodies will be united. A department of organization and recruiting will be formed, of which the new secretary, I. B. Potter, will be the head, he having in one year built the A. A. A. from a mere name to a membership greater than that of the A. A. A. A committee composed of two members from each body will be appointed to draw up by-laws. The A. A. A. members of this committee will be Secretary S. M. Butler and Emerson Briggs. The A. M. L. members will be I. B. Potter and Frank Egan. The merger as outlined will be submitted to the individual bodies of each member organization. All those not voting within 15 days will be recorded in the affirmative. The approval of the individual members of each organization is a foregone conclusion.

At this meeting of the governors John Farnsworth of Chicago, resigned as first vice president and Charles E. Duryea of New York, resigned as second vice president. The special committee on motor boat control composed of A. R. Partridge, W. L. Vanderbilt, Jr., and L. R. Adams, reported in favor of the A. A. A. taking charge of the motor boat racing, craft known as automobile boats and not interfering with any other boat association. The committee on racing, composed of Lieut. C. H. Hall official measurer and H. L. York official recorder, reported in favor of the A. A. A. taking charge of the racing. The committee on racing, composed of Lieut. C. H. Hall official measurer and H. L. York official recorder, reported in favor of the A. A. A. taking charge of the racing.

The racing committee of the A. A. A. which held a session the same day, took some most radical steps in disqualifying Barney Oldfield and L. C. Hanson for competing in unsanctioned races. The committee passed the appended resolution: Resolved, that inasmuch as Barney Oldfield and L. C. Hanson have by their action in competing in unsanctioned events at Savannah, Ga., on Feb. 25, and at Birmingham, Ala., on March 8, disqualified themselves under the rules of this association, that the secretary be instructed to advise promoters of all future races that such persons are disqualified from competing in any race sanctioned by this association, that Messrs. Barney Oldfield and L. C. Hanson be notified of this disqualification and that such persons will not be granted unless such disqualification is enforced. Resolved, that such persons be continued until further action on the part of this racing board.

This disqualification will prevent Oldfield from racing for records at the Gordon Bennett trials, as he had intended, he being anxious to add the mile strategical way to his record, he now holding the world's record for a circular track. Further than that, it will remove from racing circles for some time to come, one of the most interesting characters, a man who never failed to let his machine run to its full extent and who was not afraid of meeting any man or machine. He is the national champion, having won that honor at Ormond, and was billed for a second race at New York on Wednesday next. Of course this resolution will have the effect of preventing the fulfillment of the contract made by the racing board of the A. A. A. A disqualified man cannot compete at any meet sanctioned by the organization. Oldfield, it is imagined, will endeavor to make the A. A. A. rescind his disqualification, and some most interesting situations may be anticipated.

## SHOT BY HIGHWAYMAN.

Tragic Ending of Thief Chase at New York.

New York, April 7.—In an exciting chase of a highwayman, who had snatched a young woman's pocketbook at 34th street and Second avenue, Thursday, two men were shot down in the street, one being probably fatally injured and a large crowd that gathered after the highwayman was captured, made a demonstration as if they would kill him. He later gave his name as John Kenny, 40 years old, but the police charged that he is John Connelly, alias Carey.

A large crowd of passengers on the rear platform of a car witnessed the struggle that the young woman made to retain her purse and when Kenny knocked her down and tried to escape on a moving car the crowd started in pursuit. Jos. Corn, 29 years of age, overtook Kenny at the northeast corner of Third and 34th streets and clinched with him. In the struggle Kenny fired two shots, one striking Corn in the arm and the other in the abdomen. Kenny then jumped up and ran.

E. B. Johnson, Jr., of Woodside, L. I., next overtook the fleeing man and jumped on his back carrying him to the ground with Johnson on top. Kenny still held in his hand the smoking revolver and pressed the muzzle of the weapon close against Johnson's face and fired. The bullet passed through Johnson's right jaw. Before Kenny could fire again, Patrolman Roth grasped the revolver.

By this time several hundred persons had gathered around the struggling man and cried loudly that he be lynched. Other policemen appeared and Kenny who was bleeding from a blow on the head was hurried to the East 35th street station for protection from the crowd. The injured men were taken to the hospital where the physicians said that Corn probably was fatally injured.

## No More Slumming.

How the slums of Birmingham were wiped out as if by a cyclone, and a mile of model municipal tenements built, will be graphically described by Frederick Upham Adams in the Boston Globe next Sunday. Order in advance.

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## THE METHODISTS.

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ber. This exceeds by eighty-nine cents the average contribution in the other five New England Conferences. The average contribution per member for the support of presiding elders exceeds that of any other of these conferences by thirty per cent. In the contributions for the support of Conference claimants it is exceeded by only one of these Conferences.

It is sometimes asked why the church should be expected to contribute for the support of its worn-out preachers. The answer is not far to seek. It is in the constitution of the Methodist Episcopal church. No one of its regular pastors, or presiding elders, has or has ever had, a regular salary. In all Methodism there is not a pastoral charge where the pastor has any claim he can enforce through the courts of law. In other denominations a pastor may sue the local church and attach the church property for his salary. This has been done in our own State. But that can not be done in our church because there is no contract. An estimating committee makes an estimate of what ought to be raised to provide a "comfortable support" for its pastor for one year. The charge is expected to support him during the time he serves that particular charge. When he goes to another charge the responsibility for his "comfortable support" is thrown on that other charge. Then, when he is too old, or too feeble to labor on a charge, who is to support him? This the Conference undertakes to do, and this makes him a Conference claimant.

Some years ago there came before the Board of Stewards, which is charged with the distribution of the money available for the support of the superannuates, a good brother who said that if we would make him an annual allowance equal to the interest of six per cent on the sum he had taken from his own salary and put into the building or repairing of meetinghouses and parsonages within the bounds of the Conference he would be satisfied. But on making the computation the stewards found that they would have to allow him about twice what they were allowing the claimants that year, and so his offer was declined.

Surely no one will claim that clergymen are overpaid in Maine, but if the East Maine Conference could raise two per cent interest on unpaid pastors' claims, every year, the matter of the support of superannuates would be forever settled. That is to say, there is now due and unpaid more than two hundred thousand dollars! Say we are not right when we declare that there is no claim more just and equitable than that of the Conference claimant?

Among the many plans for increasing the amount of money for the support of the worn-out preachers, widows and orphans there is none that promises better results than the proposition to increase the collections annually made in the public congregations. Unfortunately there has been a falling off in the amounts raised in this manner, while at the same time nearly all the other interests of the church show advanced, and advancing, collections. Properly and fairly represented to the people there is no cause which more generally commends itself to their sympathies and their support. A careful study of all the conditions causes me to believe that we can easily raise fifteen hundred dollars a year, and I shall recommend that this amount be apportioned. That exceeds by four hundred dollars the amount raised last year. It is a small sum, but it is a fund of ten thousand dollars. The claim is just, the people believe it to be just, they are ready to do justice. Let us give them full opportunity.

At 3:30, this afternoon, the annual meeting of the Preachers' Aid Society was held at the auditorium of the Methodist church. The meeting was called to order by the president, L. L. Hanson of Rockland.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, L. L. Hanson, Rockland; Vice president, W. W. Ogier, Bangor; Secretary, John Tilling, Houlton; Treasurer, C. A. Plummer, Thomaston.

The board of the treasurer was increased from \$500 to \$500.

The annual meeting of the Preachers' Wives' Association, held at the auditorium of the Methodist church, was called to order by the president, Mrs. J. W. Hatch of New York.

The meeting was very interesting and was well attended, the large auditorium being comfortably well filled.

The following excellent literary and musical program was presented: Singing—Hymn 94.

Prayer, Mrs. A. L. Nutter, Union.

Paper—"My Indistinct Vision Among Girls," Mrs. W. A. Luce, Bangor.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. J. T. Moore, Hodgdon.

Paper—"Some Thoughts on Some Books," Mrs. D. H. Trilow.

Paper—"Child Life," Mrs. F. L. Hayward, Bucksport.

The secretary's report was read and accepted at the beginning of the meeting. A memoir of Mrs. S. L. Hanson, read by Mrs. W. W. Ogier, Bangor, was the business session of this association. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

## STEEL PRICES.

Meeting at Jersey City Decides to Re-affirm Official Prices.

New York, April 7.—At the meeting of the leading producers of steel billets and sheet bars held in Jersey City, it has been decided to reaffirm official prices. When the price of \$23 was established for steel billets, bessemer pig was selling at \$12 to \$12.50. Now it is selling at \$13 to \$13.50 and heavy steel melting scrap also has advanced about \$1 a ton.

The companies included in the membership of the so-called steel billet pool are the United States Steel Corporation, the Jones & Laughlin Steel Co., the Republic Iron and Steel Co., the Clairton Steel Co., the Wheeling Iron and Steel Co., the Cambria Steel Co., the Lackawanna Steel Co. and the Maryland Steel Co.

Other meetings of steel manufacturers will be held, but the general impression is that nothing will be done beyond a reaffirmation of prices.

## MARKET REPORTS.

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

Features of the Day's Dealings in All the Leading Stocks.

New York, April 7.—There were signs of staleness in the market's upward movement, today, and the action of prices became decidedly irregular. This might have been even more marked had it not been for the strong sustaining influence of the persistent upward movement of United States Steel preferred and the enormous absorption of the second mortgage bonds, which made the backbone of the whole market. The auxiliary points of strength were few and were not amongst the stocks of the first importance. The most important stocks were confined to long back and showed the effects of realizing on their recent advance. The strength of the United States Steel preferred was attributed to consideration of the quarterly report. The indications given by the report of improvement in the trade held stocks of some of the independent iron and steel companies as well. Amalgamated Copper shared moderately in the strength of the steel stocks.

Money was loaned over the end of the year at as low as 4 1/2 per cent, per annum, which makes the holding of many well-secured railroad stocks and bonds attractive. Only in scattered instances did the rise in stocks reach as much as a point, and the activity of the market was curtailed in the latter part of the day. The closing was quite active again but irregular.

The bond market was active and firm. Total sales, par value, \$1,200,000. United States 5s advanced 1/4 per cent. to 107 1/4. The old 4s and the new 4s coupon 1/4 per cent. and the new 4s registered 1/4 per cent. on the last call.

### BANGOR PAINTERS QUIT.

Will Wait for Settlement by Board of Arbitration.

Bangor, Me., April 7.—The painting business came to a standstill, Thursday morning, when practically every workman in the city knocked off, pending the settlement of the differences between the two sides of the question. The situation in regard to the carpenters and masons' tenders was the same as on Wednesday, so that more carpenters going to work, Thursday morning.

A well attended meeting of the Painters' Union was held, Wednesday evening, but no action was taken on the proceedings held. It is generally understood, however, that the move on the part of the union was a friendly one and that the work of arbitration may be hastened.

A prominent official of the Painters' Union, who has been acting as mediator existing between the master painters and the union was in no way antagonistic, and that the desire of both sides to arbitrate the matter will make a reality in a few days.

"We are waiting for the board of arbitration to get together," he said, "and settle the matter, and in the meantime we are laying off. Every cloud has a silver lining and this matter will be settled in a manner satisfactory to both sides in a short space of time."

"There are two or three members of the board of arbitration who are holding up jobs which will take a few hours, but other than that none of us is working, today."

"When the matter is adjusted this time I think it will be settled definitely and we will not have the trouble every spring which we have been having for some time past. This thing has been coming to a head for a long time and now that it is here I think arbitration is the only way to settle the matter between the master painters and the men."

A prominent contractor said, Thursday, that everything was quiet pending a settlement of the matter by the board of arbitration, but that the men were not saying nothing. No meeting of the board has been held, the fifth member not having been chosen. The following workmen have been asked to serve on the board and will probably accept:

Rev. Charles H. Cutler, pastor of the First Congregational church, and Rev. Edward Mcweeney, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, for the painters; and Rev. Elmer E. Pomeroy of the ministers; and Charles E. Lister for the master painters. The fifth member of the board, who is to be chosen by the four already named, has not yet been selected.

### HEARING POSTPONED.

Eastman Waives Hearing—McIntyre Pleads Not Guilty.

Biddeford, Me., April 7.—Dr. Charles A. Eastman, arrested at Lowell, yesterday, charged with causing the death of Miss Edith S. McIntyre, was arraigned, late today, and held for further hearing, next Wednesday afternoon, at which Albert McIntyre of Boothbay Harbor, pleaded not guilty to a similar charge, waived examination and was held for the supreme court.

### TEACHERS AGREE NOT TO WED.

Ironclad Contracts Signed, with Recognition as Alternative.

Bloomington, Ill., April 7.—As a result of the great depletion in the ranks of the rural school teachers of Central Illinois, heartless school directors are coming to make ironclad contracts with the women teachers which read as follows:

"I hereby declare that I will not get married during the term for which I am engaged to teach this school. Failing to keep this provision, I hereby agree to forfeit the sum of \$50."

Recently at Dixon two school teachers resigned in one day and the board had not one to take their places.

Joseph Danold, at Bloomfield, N. J., has a can of Easter eggs which he uses for a savings bank. It contained \$700 the other night when a burglar went through Danold's house, but the prowler, not expecting to find money in such a place, missed it.

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1890	\$159,375	\$150,558 1901	\$1,167,490	\$999,667
1891	\$295,460	\$170,210 1902	\$1,167,490	\$1,109,908
1892	\$374,213	\$236,201 1903	\$1,276,054	\$1,152,329
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